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**Notice of Completion of Inventory of Native American Human Remains from Gunther Island, California, in the Possession of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d), of the completion of the inventory of human remains from Gunther Island, California, in the possession of the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Representatives of culturally affiliated Indian tribes are advised that these human remains will be retained by the Department at its headquarters facility until February 26, 1993, after which they may be repatriated to the culturally affiliated group.

The detailed inventory and assessment of these human remains has been made by the California Department of Parks and Recreation curatorial and archeological staff, contract specialists in physical anthropology and prehistoric archeology, and representatives of the Blue Lake Rancheria, Rohnerville Rancheria (also called the Bear River Mattole Wiyot Tribe), and the Table Bluff Reservation of the Wiyot Indians.

The human remains consist of a skull and mandible recovered from CA-HUM-67, a village site on Humboldt Bay about two miles north of Eureka, California. The antiquity of these remains has not been determined. These remains were possibly excavated by H.H. Stuart, a Eureka dentist who excavated 382 graves during the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s, and sold, traded, or gave away the recovered bones and artifacts. These remains were acquired by the State Indian Museum between 1927-1950.

The village site from which the remains were recovered was known historically as Tolowot. Archeological and historical evidence indicates that the Tolowot village site was occupied between approximately 900 A.D. and 1860 when its Wiyot inhabitants were massacred by American settlers. There are no indications of occupation of the site by any other group.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Blue Lake Rancheria, Rohnerville Rancheria, and the Table Bluff Reservation of the Wiyot Indians. Representatives of any other Indian Tribe which believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact Pauline Grenbeaux Spear, Committee on Repatriation, P.O. 942896, Sacramento CA 94296-0001, (916) 324-6800 before February 26, 1993.

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